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NavSta hosts major Navy conference

More than 200 Command Master Chiefs, Senior Enlisted Advisors, Ombudsmen and guest speakers will be in Rota next week for the CINCUSNAVEUR CMC and Ombudsman conference.

"The CINC [Adm. James O. Ellis, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe] called the conference to provide the senior enlisted and ombudsmen a forum to discuss quality of life issues for the Navy," said EMCM(SS/AW) Allan McLain, Command Master Chief for Naval Station Rota.

Conference attendees will break off into CMC or Ombudsmen workgroups on Monday and Tuesday and will come together for a series of briefings from Wednesday to Friday.

Scheduled guests will include Adm. Ellis, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy and others who support the Navy's Quality of Life program.

"What we're doing by holding the CMC and Ombudsmen conferences together is covering the entire spectrum of issues that effect everyone - both our Sailors and our families," said McLain.

"There's no better way to get the word out than the CMC or Ombudsman," he added.

Participants will be coming from Navy bases and commands in the Mediterranean, from Bahrain, Iceland and even the Atlantic Fleet.

"This intent is a European focus," said McLain, "but it's so rare that you can get this much information in one spot that people from outside of Navy Europe are attending as well."

The conference is being held in Rota for the second year in a row - a move somewhat unusual as the Navy prefers to hold major conferences like this at different bases each year.

"We're doing it here in Rota because the base is accessible, the facilities are great and the cost is cheap," said McLain. "We also put on a great conference."

Rota swamped by heavy rains, more rain expected to come

JOC Jon **McMillan**

In what weather forecasters say is an unusually early start for heavy rains in the region, the Naval Base and most of Spain have been experiencing more rainfall than usual this month.

"This is the start of the rainy season here, but we normally don't get this much rainfall so early," said AG1(AW) Jim Hatch, duty forecaster for the Naval European Meteorological and Oceanographic Command here.

As of Tuesday, the base has received 6.73 inches of rain in October - three inches more than the October average.

"A lot of this energy came from Hurricane Irene. It came in and merged with the jet stream and it kind of just stalled," said Hatch.

That stalling has meant a low pressure system has been sitting off the coast of North West Africa spinning wet weather up to Spain - through Rota - since Oct. 19.

"The system will spin here until it runs out of energy or another system pushes it out," Hatch said.

That's expected to happen this weekend, but until then, forecasters expect much of the same weather Rota has been experiencing the past week. "A front should come through



Rota received 1.76 inches of rain Tuesday morning causing minor flooding throughout the base. Naval Station firefighters pump water from Chief's Park near the El Puerto gate after flooding caused minor erosion damage on Alicante Lane's shoulder.

around Sunday," said Hatch, but he expects that front to bring some more rain region too.

The rain caused early morning flooding on many base roads and caused minor traffic back ups near the entrance to housing at the El Puerto gate as water flooded the road there and washed away part of the road's shoulder.

An associated thunderstorm on Tuesday also shut down the base's flightline for about two hours.

In Andalucia, Spanish media is reporting numerous streets, basements and garages being flooded and five houses in Cadiz that are at risk of collapsing.

Base gets \$11.6 million in year-end money

JOC Jon **McMillan**

Naval Station Rota received \$11.6 million in year-end money this year thanks to a group of innovative personnel and new ways of doing business at the base's construction contracting office - the Resident Officer in Charge of Contracts - or ROICC.

The base was able to use this year-end money to award 18 construction and renovation contracts and six critical design projects.

"At the end of each fiscal year, comptrollers and budget personnel shift and redistribute excess dollars that must be spent by midnight on the 30th of September," said Lt. Cmdr. Manny Bautista, the deputy ROICC

for Rota. "Shore stations Navy-wide try to be in a position to capture those dollars so they may be spent on projects and programs supporting those that live and work at each base," he said.

This year, ROICC Rota received end-of-year money from Commander-in-Chief, Naval Forces Europe (CNE), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and Navy Family Housing.

The projects awarded ranged from two \$1.9 million barracks renovation projects to a \$50,000 cable television design project.

"All projects will go far to enhance the quality of life on the base," said Bautista.

"We are definitely doing business smarter

here," said Bautista. "We've set ourselves up for success by writing innovative contracts, like the Solution Order Contract, or SOC, that allow us to obligate money quickly at the end of the year."

The SOC is an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity contract that makes the contractor responsible for designing and proposing the best way to accomplish a certain job.

"This gives us tremendous flexibility in how we can package the requirement. With the SOC we can use very minimal design," said Bautista. "Basically we can say 'Here's

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Weekend weather forecast

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70/59	68/57
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71/60	68/58

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Base starts new shuttle service

A new base-wide shuttle bus service is slated to kick off Monday.

The shuttle will now run between base housing and the industrial area of the base from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The intent is for people to be able to ride this shuttle from their quarters to work or to any of the NEX, Commissary, MWR or administrative locations throughout the base, according to Public Works officials. The shuttle service is free.

Shuttle bus schedule Monday-Friday

A-Leave Fuentebravia Gate - on the hour, beginning at 0600.

B-Arrive Jams - 8 minutes after the hour.

C-Arrive Housing Pool - 13 minutes after the hour.

D-Arrive Camp Mitchell - 17 minutes after the hour.

E-Arrive Video Mart - 20 minutes after the hour.

F-Arrive VQ-2 Gate - 24 minutes after the hour.

G-Arrive Commissary & NEX - 28 minutes after the hour.

G-Leave NEX on the half-hour

H-Arrive Pizza Villa & Laundromat - 25 minutes to the hour.

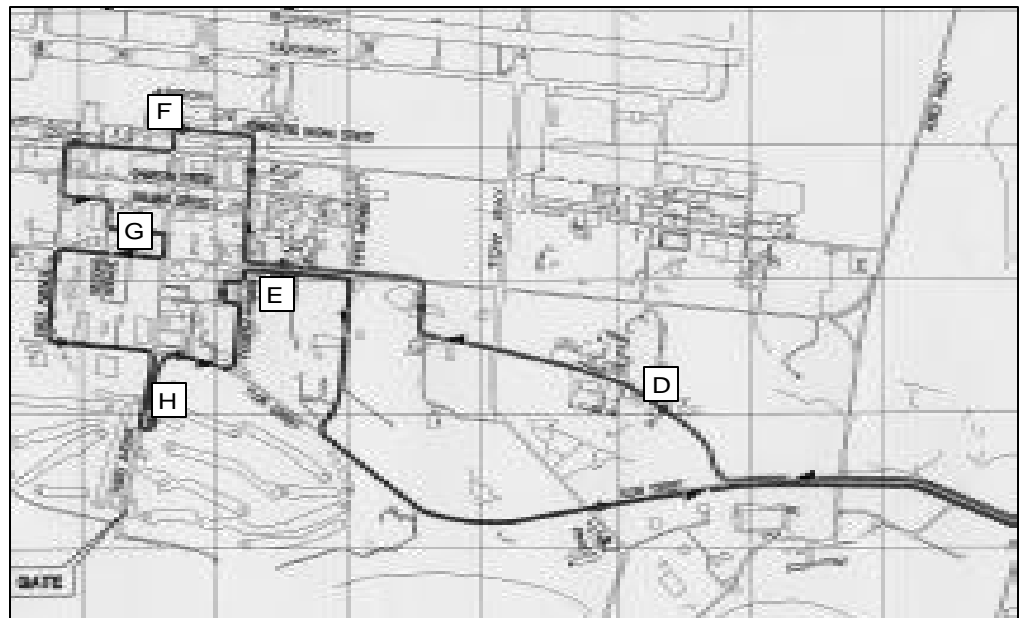
E-Arrive Video Mart - 21 minutes to the hour.

C-Arrive Housing Pool - 15 minutes to the hour.

Arrive Granada & Logrono intersection - 12 minutes to the hour.

Arrive 1220 Huelva St. - 9 minutes to the hour.

A-Arrive Fuentebravia Gate - 3 minutes to the hour.



*All times are approximate

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Base gets \$11.6 million

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our requirement' then the contractor comes up with a proposal on how they'd accomplish it and how much it would cost," he said.

Another creative contract that allowed the ROICC to obligate money quickly was a 'Design-Build' contract that is being used to complete Rota's barracks renovations.

The original contract, awarded last year, was structured with a base bid that included the design for five BEQ's and construction of two of those BEQ's.

The contract included options

for construction of the remaining three BEQ's. As money came available, options could be exercised for the construction of each remaining BEQ.

"Since the designs for all the BEQ's were complete, we were easily able to exercise the options for renovation of two more BEQ's," said Bautista. "That was \$3.8 million of CNE year-end dollars spent in a heart-beat," he added.

Using these types of contracts more move the Navy at Rota away from the old way of doing business

— awarding to the lowest bidder — to a newer, better way described as getting the 'best value' for the Navy. "Rota's Solution Order Contract is the first-ever in the Mediterranean. Our contracts specialists are fast becoming the experts in the AOR with this contracting vehicle," said Bautista.

Out of the \$11.6 million Rota received in year-end funding, \$5.2 million went to the Solution Order Contract. "That's money that could never have been spent in time using the older way of doing business," Bautista said. "Instead, that money may have ended up going elsewhere or may have been used to fund designs and studies instead of awards for actual construction and renovation projects.

"There is a trade off for using a tool such as the SOC," admitted Bautista. "By using the SOC we can cut the design and contract preparation time down to expedite award of the contracts, but the job of the project management team becomes a lot tougher," he said.

"That's because problems usually worked out in the planning and design phase have to be worked out in the field while construction is ongoing," said Bautista.

"The level of effort put forth by the project management team is much greater."

The SOC paid big dividends to Rota last year when Morale, Welfare

and Recreation money became available to renovate the base's single Sailor building. In 26 days, contractors had submitted designs and cost proposals and the ROICC was able to award a contract for the building renovation. The new center opened up earlier this year and is used as a showcase piece for touring VIPs to the area.

The extra money received this year is being used to renovate two additional barracks, the galley, brig and community center. It's also being used to cap off the base's landfill, purchase playground equipment for the Elementary school and construct building additions to NEMOC and the Navy Lodge.

"The main reason we were successful at the end of this fiscal year was the outstanding teamwork between the ROICC and PW team," said Bautista. "Engineers, contract specialists, budget personnel, inspectors, and procurement clerks all worked hand in hand until 9 p.m. on the 30th of September to ensure the year end money would be spent."

Rota's ROICC is a tenant command that works closely with the base's Public Works department to form what Bautista calls a "professional facilities team that provides expert management of both new construction and maintenance of facilities on the base."

OCSC to hold Annual Bazaar

Preparations for the Officers and Civilian Spouse's Club's (OCSC) 28th Annual Bazaar are nearly completed. The Bazaar will be held Nov. 6 and 7 at the DGF multi-purpose room and gym.

The event is hailed as a 'one-stop shopping' center for the holidays as more than 60 vendors from at least nine different countries will set up shop at the Bazaar. "You'll be able to find all your holiday gifts in one place," said Kim Diaz, the event's coordinator.

In addition to the vendors — which include many crafts from local artisans — a food court will be set up in the area between the multi-purpose room and gym. "You can shop, eat, be merry and support your community at the same time," said Diaz.

All the money raised from this event — and 90% of the money the OCSC raises or earns each year — is given back to the Rota community. The OCSC raised \$12K for local community groups during last year's bazaar. "Maybe this year we'll bring in more and we'll be able to give back more," said Jennifer Weech, chairperson of the OCSC community grants committee.

Applications for a community grant through the OCSC are available each year in February said Weech. "In March the committee meets and we allocate funds in April," she said. More than 20 local community organizations, groups and clubs received money last year from the OCSC.

According to Weech, this is what the OCSC is about — giving back to the community. "We're a philanthropic, non-profit organization designed to foster community relationships," she said.

The Bazaar is the group's biggest event — and the base's biggest non-profit organization fundraiser — each year. "This is where we get most of the funds we give back to the community," said Diaz.

New for this year's Bazaar will be about 50 percent of the vendors, a special Spanish Medieval music troupe and different items in the food court, said Diaz. Santa will also make an appearance at the event.

Entrance fee is \$1.50 or 225 pts. Anyone with access to the base is invited to attend. The Bazaar runs Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The OCSC will also have a membership table set up at the Bazaar. Interested persons can also call Tammy Yockey, the OCSC president at 956-82-4257.

News

BRIEFS

Two Tartessas statuettes recovered

The Guardia Civil recovered two bronze statuettes of Tartessos. They are said to be very valuable. The two statuettes were snagged in the nets of Pedro Garcia Dominguez, a fisherman of Punta Umbria (Huelva) when he was fishing in Huelva estuary, thirty years ago. According to Manuel Osuna, Director of the Museo Provincial, the statuettes represent two goddesses, Anath and Reshef, and had been in Pedro's house all these years. Photography of the statuettes in a specialized magazine in 1986 brought forth Mr. Osuna's curiosity and he contacted the Guardia Civil and they started the investigation. A team called "Service to Protect the Nature" found Garcia. It's a "unique" discovery. It's the first time that two statuettes were recovered together in Spain.

Elections in Cataluña

Jordi Pujol's regional CiU party, won the most seats in the Generalitat (regional parliament) and will form the new government. PSC, the regional variation of PSOE, had more votes thanks to the charisma of Pasqual Maragall, long time Mayor of Barcelona. Jordi Pujol has been president of Cataluña for almost 20 years and he will be there for another four, leaving him in his seventies when the next regional election roll in 2003. Even though CiU does not have the majority, Pujol has not doing any pact with the PP or ERC parties.

New Spanish Law affects change of last names

The Congress approved the law of change of names. The parents will decide what last name the children can have. In Spain people have both the father's and mother's last name. With the new law the name can be inverted, having the mother's name first and the father's name second. The law also states that all the children have to have the same last name and in the case of a discrepancy between the parents, the father's name will prevail.

Family rescued

A married couple and their two chil-

dren of four and seven years of age were rescued by the firefighters of Chiclana in the Iro river. The family was driving their car around midnight last Sunday when it was dragged by the waters of the Iro river, in an area where it was over flown. The Local Police and fire department were called by a person who heard voices asking for help. The couple holding their children had taken hold of some shrubs. After a difficult rescue the family was carried to Puerto Real hospital to be treated for hypothermia and a nervous breakdown.

Uniform Change

Naval Station, Rota, will change to the winter uniform Monday. The uniform of the day will be winter blue for E-6 and below and service khaki for E-7 and above, and there will be no optional period. You can wear your working uniform to and from work, while riding in a vehicle; however if in uniform while riding in a convertible, the top must be in the up position. Walking off-base in uniform is not authorized.

DGF Band Concert

The DGF Band will be performing

a concert in the multi-purpose room tonight at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to the free showing. Come on out and support the school.

Volvo Golf Masters

The Volvo Golf Masters begins today and runs for four days until Sunday at the Montecastillo Golf Course in Jerez. The tournament will feature the top European golfers and is free to the public.

World Golf Championship

The World Golf Championship will be held November 4-7 at the Valderrama Golf Course in Sotogrande, Spain (about 1 1/2 hours from base). The tournament is jointly sanctioned by the world's five major golf Tours and will feature the world's best golfers. Daily ticket prices range between 4,000 and 8,500 pts., and can be purchased at El Corte Ingles department stores, at the ticket office, or by calling 926-79-1212 or 956-78-5050.

DGF elementary conference

The parents and students conference for the end of the nine weeks has been moved to Tuesday November 9 and Wednesday November 10. There will be no school for the two-day period.

Recall benefits Rota

JOSN Justin **Takasawa**

Earlier this year, the housing office began distributing carbon monoxide detectors to all residents of base housing as a direct result of the Chief of Naval Operations.

"The CNO directed that all Navy housing be outfitted with carbon monoxide alarms," said Rich Johnston, housing director.

The alarms were recalled in February due to a malfunction of the sensors, said ABH1 Scott McCreery.

"The packaging affected the sensors," said McCreery.

The detectors were then sent back to the manufacturer, Kiddie Frynetics, for repairs.

"We've received half of the alarms that we sent out and the other half has already been distributed," said Johnston.

Because of the immediacy of the CNO's plan, Kiddie Frynetics sent out new detectors as soon as the recall was issued. This, in turn, provided twice the amount of detectors

needed, said McCreery.

"The recall just gave us a bunch of extras," he said.

Detectors are now available to those who live off base.

McCreery noted that a lot of housing residents still need to drop off the recalled carbon monoxide detectors at the self help store and pick up new ones.

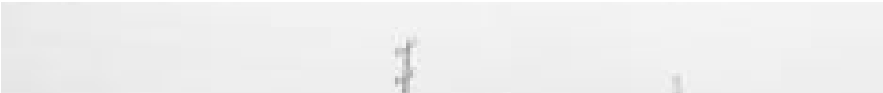
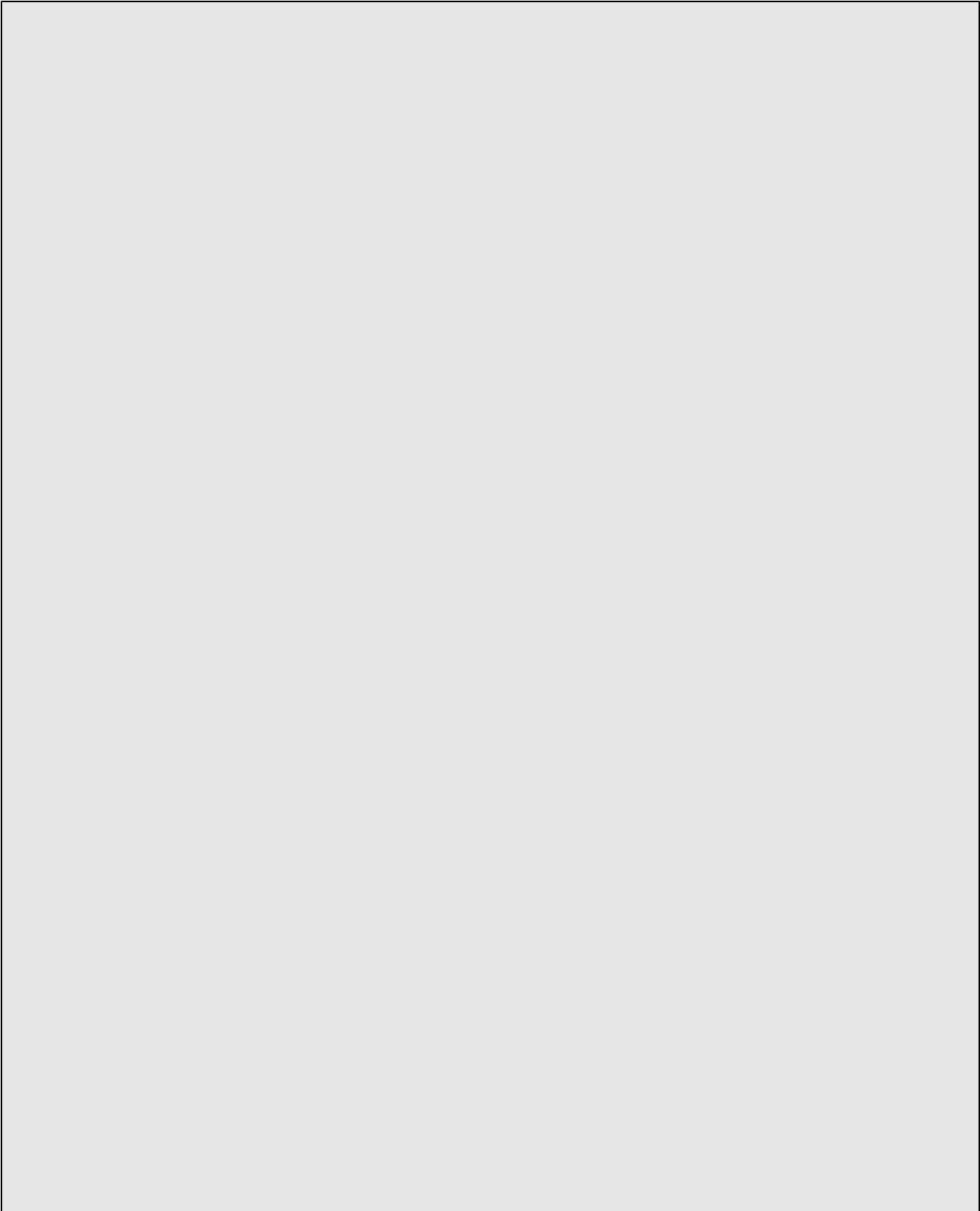
As far as the installation goes for the detectors, McCreery said that it was fairly simple.

"Just put in two, double A batteries. There's no need to mount it on the wall or on the ceiling," he said.

The detectors have a small read-out displaying the measurement of carbon monoxide in the air. Low levels are acceptable, said McCreery, but once the detector picks up a significant amount of the odorless gas, it sounds an alarm.

If you have questions or comments about the detectors please call 4736.

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Halloween festival to be held rain or shine



Thomas Husson Jr.

It's Halloween again, and MWR Rota Spain has cooked up a cauldron full of activities for everyone at Halloween Scene 1999.

Saturday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Feria grounds it's Trick or Treat! Plenty of candy will be on hand for kids 6 and up and the event will provide the perfect setting for the Fright Sites competition where commands compete for the ghouldest site award. Along with MWR, several organizations from Rota will be on hand to give out candy they

have donated. These organizations include the Rota City Hall, the Asociacion Comerciantes "ACIRO" and the Navy League of the United States, Andalucia Council.

It's a short walk from the Feria grounds to the 625th AMSS haunted house, located behind Security, across from the housing office/hospital parking lot.

If you're up for a wild ride, check out the Magic Woods haunted hayride at the golf course on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This is the only place to see the Scream Scenes

put together by the base's private organizations such as Dance Alive and the Keystone Club. Donations are welcome and will go to each organization. The pick-up point for the ride is in the parking lot behind the Feria grounds.

On Saturday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., children age 5 and younger can travel to the Wonderful World of Oz at MWR's Child Development Center (bldg. 1963). The celebration includes candy and games plus visits from the characters of the timeless classic.

Saturday at midnight, it's time to put the kids to sleep and head

to the Gateway Auditorium for

Liberty's special showing of the cult classic "Rocky Horror Picture Show." This is a must see for any RHPS newcomer and a chance for all the regulars to sing and act along with their favorite characters. Toast and toilet paper will be provided.

Rain date for all outdoor events is Oct. 31. For more information call ext. 2527.

Note: (Stay tuned to rota's Hot 102.5 for upcoming date and event changes due to inclement weather.)

Brief history of Halloween

CTR3 Robert Dudas

Halloween literally evolved around the Celtic peoples from 2000 years ago. October 31 had it's own significance, being the festive day to mark the end and advent to harvest years. Their version of a physical year in harvest terms.

What was all the fear about?

This 'feared' day represented homage to the sun god Baal, who provided the upcoming year's ripe grain. But when the evening came: Evil spirits were everywhere and rituals were performed for the Lord of the Dead.

When the Christians came

around they changed the Druid's words: The Lord of the Dead became Devil. The Devil: The arch enemy and once angel, but exiled, under God.

Demons were warded off at night by masks. These disguises were later made to scare neighbors, whom would come to offer treats for ghosts and ghouls about 40 years ago. The English used to go singing and begging whereas the Spanish would put sweets on graves to bribe evil spirits away.

All this would culminate into our celebration of Halloween.

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Backbone of air-field: the mission of GEMD

JOSN Justin **Takasawa**

Planes can't land. The others are grounded. No one knows what's going on. Radios are down and the air traffic controllers can't tell if a plane is friend or foe.

Without the Ground Electronics Maintenance Division, (GEMD) this could very well be happening.

"We service all of the electronics, radar equipment, communication equipment and security devices," said ET2 Adam Belcher.

GEMD not only fixes what's broken but performs all preventative maintenance on the flight line electronic equipment.

"What we do, mainly, is maintain all gates, turnstiles and video cameras," said Belcher. There are 50 cameras alone, on the flight line.

GEMD consists of four sections, each designated to service a certain type of equipment. They service radio communications and weather, radar and navigational aids, electronic security systems, and miniature micro-maintenance. Each one of these sections contains at least a dozen pieces of equipment that they're responsible for, said Belcher.

"Probably ninety percent of our job is mechanical," said ETSN Nathan Oettinger, while fixing a turnstile.

On top of the maintenance of general equipment, GEMD has the only Radiation Detection Indication and Computation, or



ETSN Stephen Bowers searches a maze of wires while trouble-shooting an altimeter at the radar operations facility.

RADIAC, laboratory in the Mediterranean, said Oettinger.

The lab services equipment that detects radioactivity, said ET3 Shea Thompson.

"We receive the gear and we do swipe tests," said Thompson. Workers at the RADIAC lab scan the gear for contamination and then calibrate it for radiation detection, checking to make sure that the settings are correct.



Photos by JOSN Justin Takasawa

ETSN Nathan Oettinger repairs a brake on one of the air-strip's turnstiles. Oettinger says that about 90 percent of GEMD's job is mechanical.

"The equipment is calibrated and sent out to the Sixth Fleet," he said. Including the RADIAC lab, GEMD services about nine main external sites, said Oettinger.

"There are things everywhere," he said. Coming up for the GEMD crew is a complete overhaul of the security systems in December, said Belcher. The \$1 million plan is a part of the CNE new program,

'combating terrorism readiness initiative'.

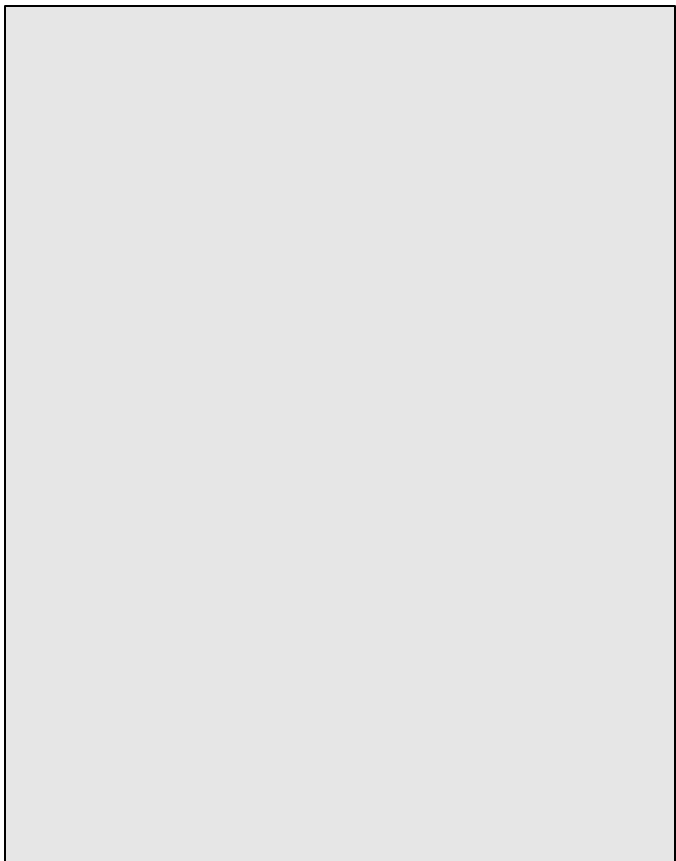
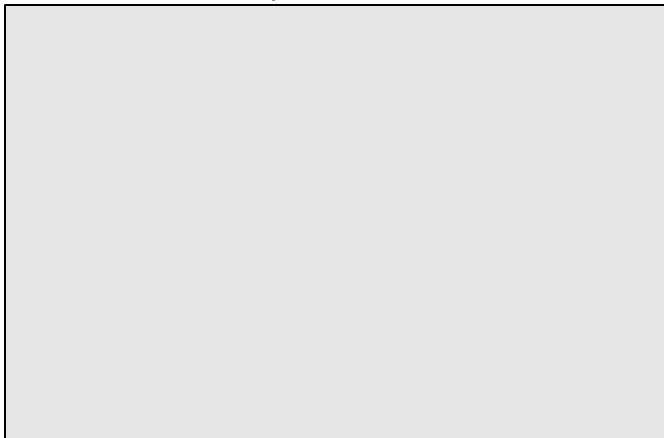
The flight line would be inoperative without the maintenance and daily tasks of the Ground Electronics Maintenance Division.

"We maintain it all, from multi-million dollar radar systems to twenty dollar radios," said Belcher.

GEMD will continue to make sure that the planes fly and order is preserved.



ET3 Shea Thompson "frisks" gear. The gear is sent to the RADIAC lab to be calibrated to detect and work around nuclear material. After the gear is successfully calibrated it is sent back out to the fleet.



Publisher's Corner

Karen Lucas

Tomorrow night is the Halloween costume party at the **Casino**! In addition to prizes of 50,000 pesetas, 30,000 pesetas and 20,000 pesetas for first, second and third place, there will be a special prize of a weekend in Mallorca courtesy of **Paco's Travel and Touravia Tours** as well as many other "surprise" prizes. Music will be provided by **Union Pacific** and magicians who call themselves "The Adams Family" will perform.

Activities will start at 9:30 p.m. and the entrance fee is 1,000 pesetas. You can get tickets at the **Casino** or at **Paco's Travel** in Rota. This is the first time a Halloween party has been held around here (off base) and the folks at the Casino are real excited about it so it promises to be a great time! Hope to see you there!

Greet the new millennium at the **feria millenium** in Jerez! This year, for the New Year's Eve celebrations in Jerez, the

famous **feria del caballo** or Jerez

Spring fair will be reproduced.

It will be held in the big exhibit building behind the fair grounds so cold or inclement weather won't be a problem. You can enjoy a typical Andalusian fair with the beautiful *casetas*, *churro* stalls, sideshows, lots of amusements, wheel of fortune etc.

There will be lots of *rociero* and flamenco groups as well as a big band orchestra to welcome the year 2000. In the *casetas* you can enjoy *chacinas de la sierra*, *serrano ham*, local fried fish, and shrimp from Sanlúcar.

There will be *casetas* where you can taste all the local dishes, accompanied by the best wines of the area. The fair will finish with fire works. Things will get started at 9:30 p.m. and transportation to and



from Jerez will be provided, pick up and drop off points will be determined by **Viajes Sherry Tours**, depending on who signs up for the event. You don't need to worry about taking any extra cash with you since everything is included in the price. Everyone who signs up for the **feria millenium** is also invited to attend the special "End of the Century" horse show at the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art at noon on the 31st.

Transportation will not be provided for the horse show. As the organizers say ... "We are sure that you will only regret having to wait another thousand years to attend an event like this." To find out more, visit the web page as advertised on page 15.

The Tex Mex restaurant **Taxco Mariachi** wants you to help celebrate their second anniversary so they are offering some great specials starting tonight and running through November. The offers are listed

in their ad on page 19. The "Super Burrito" is filled with frijoles, veal, lettuce, tomato, cheese, onion and sour cream. It is served with rice and nachos. The specials are available every evening from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Taxco Mariachi is located at Avda. De la Marina, 12 in Rota. Stop by and help them celebrate!

There is an interesting art exhibit in Cádiz at the Sala Rivadavia, located at Presidente Rivadavia, 3. The artist is José Antonio Chanivet, who in addition to becoming a figure in the art world, is the person responsible for the art work in

the Coastline ads that are not received publication ready. In this exhibit, figures and objects made of different materials stand out in front of painted backgrounds, leaving open the door of the unexpected so that emotions can enter. The exhibit hall is located between Plaza San Antonio and Plaza Mina. Park in the underground at San Antonio, exit on the Calle Ancha side and then go to your left toward Plaza Mina. One of the pieces featured in the exhibit is reproduced next to this article.

Let's hear from you! Send your inputs to me by fax to 956-542997 or by e-mail to COASTPUB@santandersupernet.com

Life is precious

Oh no! A cop! Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down to 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often? When his car had slowed to ten miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but inly partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror.

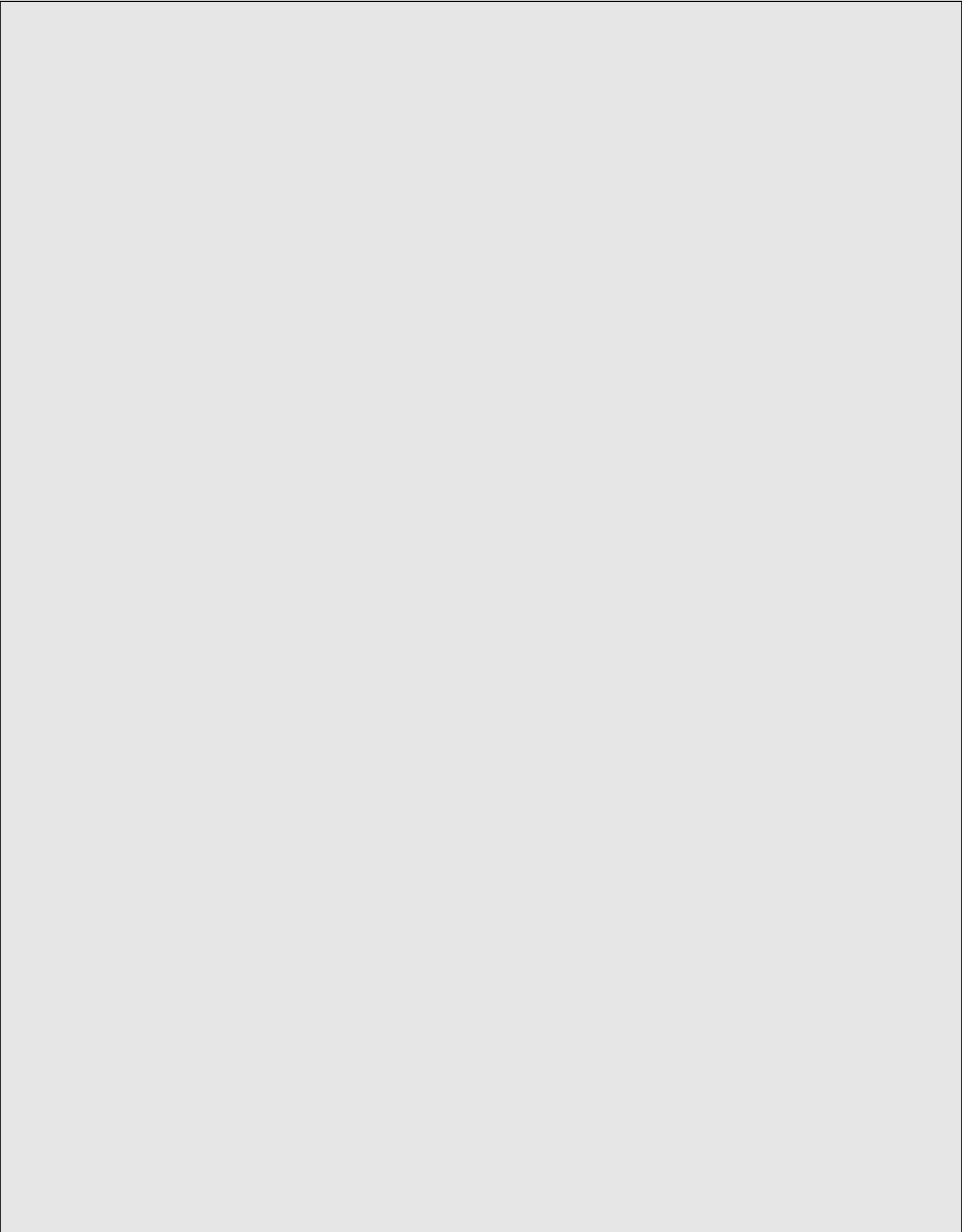
The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand. Bob? Bob from church? Jack slunk farther into his seat. This was worse than the coming ticket. A Christian cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little too eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow.

Jumping out of the car, he approached a man that he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform.

"Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this.

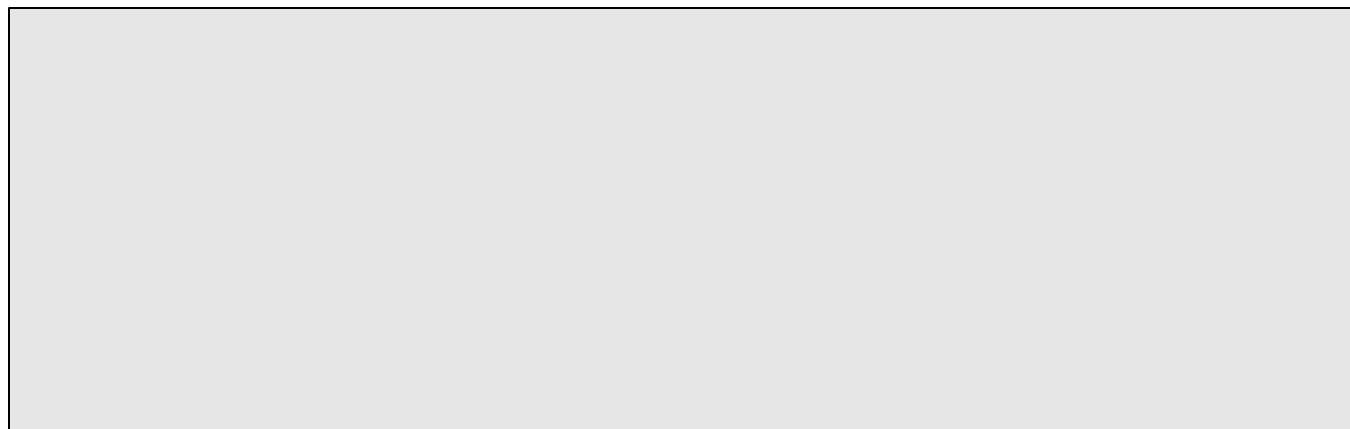
"Hello, Jack." No smile.

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Month at a glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October / November				28 DGF Band Concert, 7 p.m., MPR Great Pumpkin Carving Contest , 7 p.m., Expeditions Smooth Move , 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., call 3232 TAP Seminar , 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Call 3232	29 Halloween, Magic Woods, 9 p.m. - midnight Cross Country Run , noon, call 2565 Captain's Call at 12:05 p.m. on Hot 102.5 FM TAP Seminar , 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Call 3232	30 Halloween, CDC (5 and younger), 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., call 2527 Halloween, Trick or Treat Street , 7 - 9 p.m., Feria Grounds, call 2527 Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair , 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Video Mart, HomeCenter, Commissary
31 Daylight Savings Time, set clocks back one hour Sunday School , DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	1 All Saints' Day Uniform Shift to Blues CMC/Ombudsman Conference , this week	2 Election Day DGF Elem. PTO , 5:30 p.m., Parent Connection Rm. Loving and Effective Discipline , 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., call 3232	3 Parents and Tots, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Call 3232	4 DGF End of First Quarter Active Parenting of Teens , 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232 Sponsor Training , 9:30 - 11 a.m., call 3232	5 DGF Teacher Work Day (No School) Creative Resume , 9 - 11 a.m., call 3232 NAVSTA Uniform Inspection , 9 a.m., C-12 Hangar	6 OCSC Holiday Charity Bazaar, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., DGFMPR
7 Navy Sabbath OCSC Holiday Charity Bazaar , 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., DGFMPR Sunday School , DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	8 DGF Begins Second Quarter	9 MC Potts in concert, 8 p.m. Reflections Interview Skills , 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232 DGF Elem. Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School)	10 Marine Corps Birthday (1775) DGF H.S. Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School) DGF Elem. Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School)	11 Veterans Day	12 Captain's Call at 12:05 p.m. on Hot 102.5 FM Gypsy Lunch , Liberty Program, call 2527	13 CFC Charity Golf Tournament, 1100, call 2260 ITT Cordoba Day Trip , call 3101
14 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	15 Your Event Could Be Scheduled Here	16 DGF Elementary PTO, 6:30 p.m., Parent Connection Room ITT Trip to Sevilla Shopping , call 3101	17 DGF High School SAC, 4 p.m., School Library Parents and Tots , 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Call 3232 ITT Trip to Gibraltar Shopping , call 3101	18 Great American Smokeout JAB Meeting , 9:15 a.m., Chapel Holiday Safety Standdown , Gateway Theater Christmas Cantata , Chapel, 7:30 p.m., call 2161	19 ITT Trip to Arcos, call 3101 Christmas Cantata , Chapel, 7:30 p.m., call 2161	20 Youth Sports Mini-Triathlon, Aquatics Center, 10 a.m., call 3108 ITT Trip to Gibraltar Rock , call 3101
21 Captain's Cup Swim Meet, 9 a.m., Aquatics Center, call 3108 Sunday School , DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	22 Military Family Appreciation Week Flag Football Camp begins, JAMS TAP Seminar , 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Call 3232	23 ITT Trip to Sevilla Historical, call 3101 DGF Elementary SAC , 3:50 p.m., Parent Connection Room TAP Seminar , 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Call 3232	24 Garmisch Ski Trip, Liberty, 24-28, call 2527 Parents and Tots , 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Call 3232 TAP Seminar , 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Call 3232	25 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Buffet , Reflections 1 - 7 p.m. Running with the Turkeys (5K run), 9 a.m., call 2563	26 Gypsy Lunch, Liberty Program, call 2527	27 Your Event Could be Listed Here





The rugged terrain

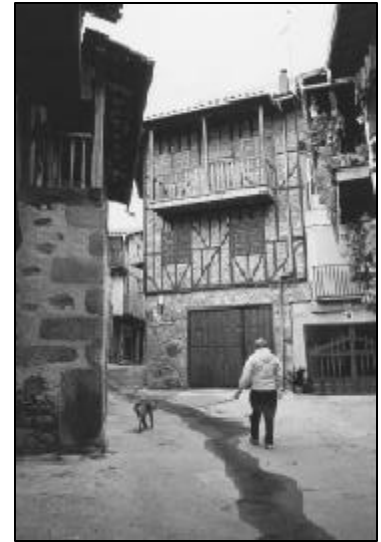
Las Hurdes and La Sierra de Francia

Story and photos by

Karen Lucas

Las Hurdes is an isolated territory on the northern edge of the province of Cáceres, extending more or less from the city of Coria to the province of Salamanca. Looking at a map of Spain, it is better than half way from Madrid to the Portuguese border and to the south. Because of the roughness of the terrain and its almost

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total segregation from the rest of Spain, the inhabitants had lead very primitive lives: an almost exclusively vegetable diet, endemic diseases, endogamy, dwellings of clay and slate; until King Alfonso XIII traveled there in 1922.

The king and his party had to make the trip through these mountains on mules due to the lack of passable roads. Thanks to the royal visit the area was then "discovered" by the rest of Spain. These conditions were vividly described by Luis Buñuel in his 1932 documentary: *Tierra sin pan*.

Things have changed a lot since then, but the roughness of the terrain, with an abundance of slate and granite protruding through the top soil, remains, making traditional agriculture next to impossible.

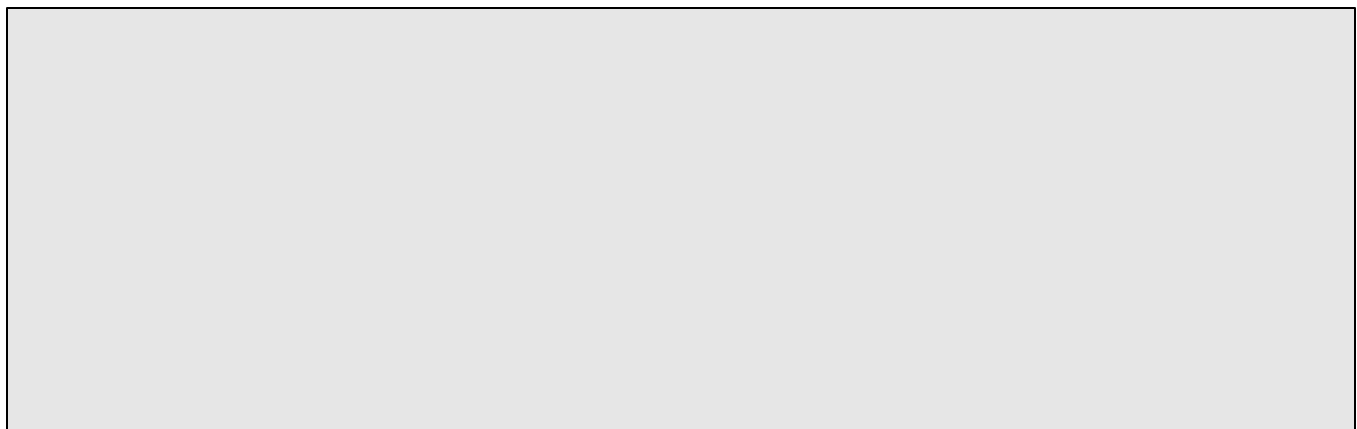
The inhabitants have always taken advantage of what they have which explains the existence of what was once a typical dwelling of the area: wooden houses covered with slabs of slate.

The population still takes advantage of what there is: lumber, fruit trees, olive trees, lots of wild berries, nuts and lots of bee hives that produce outstanding honey. Honey production is a serious business in the area and you will see bee hives around almost every bend. The olive oil from this region is considered to be some of the best in the country as are the jams produced from the wild berries. The scenery is beautiful with a wonderful view around every corner: mountains, valleys, streams, waterfalls, trees and bushes. A real delight for nature lovers.

The Sierra de Francia runs across the southern edge of the province of Salamanca and is also an isolated area with narrow winding roads and breathtaking scenery predominating.

Its highest peak, the Peña de Francia reaches up over 1,700 meters. It is not unusual to see wild mountain goats in this area. We were lucky enough to see some, but not lucky enough to be able to get any photos. The area is dotted with quaint villages, somewhat reminiscent of northern Europe. The picturesque houses are made of stone, adobe and wood in doors, windows, staircases, balconies and in decorative strips.

The typical house had the barn (now garage) on the ground floor, the living area is on the first





floor and the attic is used for storage and the drying of fruits, meats and vegetables. There are pine forests and chestnut trees everywhere. Insofar as handicrafts, the area is known for its embroidery and ceramics that feature animal and flower motifs and characteristic silver jewelry. They are also known for wood carving and furniture manufacturing.

Farther to the east, near the city of Bejar, which is directly south of Salamanca, we found what is claimed to be the oldest bullring in Spain still in existence. Here, in 1667, a bullring

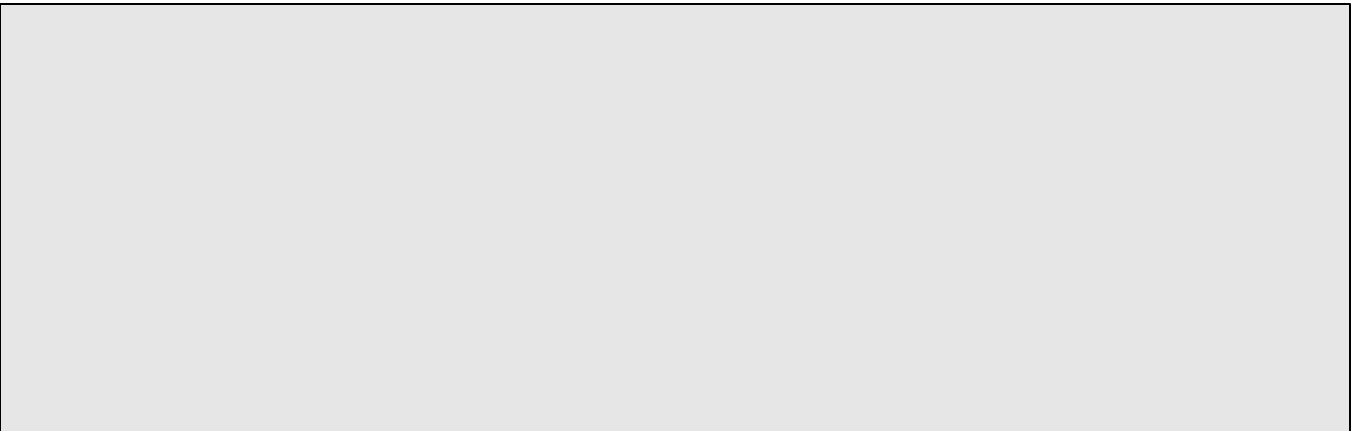
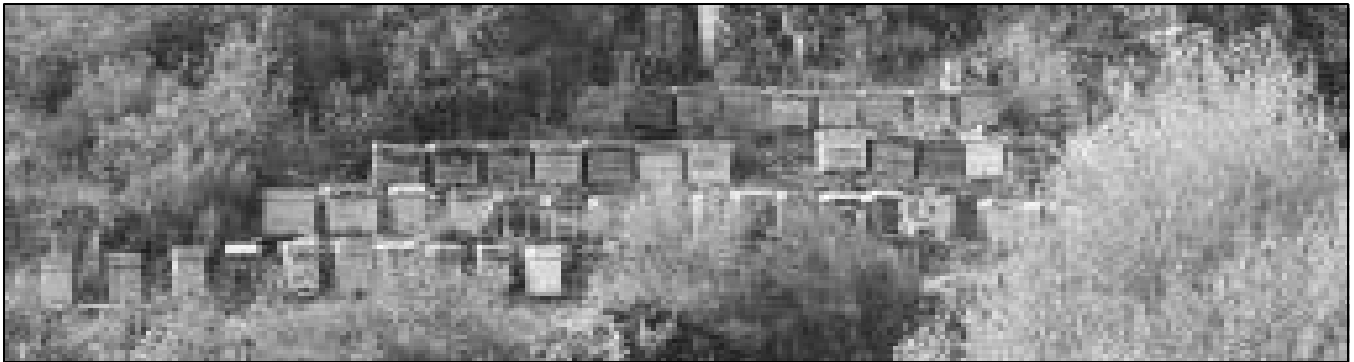


made of wood and square in shape, was first erected. It was substituted by one built of stone in 1707 and was remodeled again in 1711, taking on its present and now characteristic round shape.

Culinary specialties include lamb, goat, trout, a variety of sausages and cheeses and of course, mountain cured hams. A new discovery was a heavy bread stuffed with a selection of sausages, called *hornazo* a meal in one!

To get there take highway E803 from Sevilla to Cáceres and continue until you get near Plasencia. The area I have been describing is between Plasencia and Coria in the south, Ciudad Rodrigo in the northwest and Bejar in the east. There are not a lot of hotels in the region, but there are hostels, cabins and *casas rurales* or guest houses.

We stayed at a Nordic style cabin in Las Mestas on the outskirts of the Batuecas Nature Park. How wonderful the silence and clear, crisp air! I recommend a minimum of four days for the trip since a good part of one day is used in getting there and another in getting back. The distance is not that great, but the highway from Sevilla to Cáceres normally has heavy traffic and after Plasencia they are quite winding and slow.



8 DAYS

a week

Today

The Great Pumpkin Carving

Expeditions is hosting the contest for adults, 18 years and older today. The fun begins at 7 p.m. and the grand prize is \$100. Call ext. 2527 for more info.

Friday

ITT takes you to Arcos...

On October 29, where you take a walking tour of this historical hilltop town with incredible views of the surrounding countryside. Call ext. 3101 for more information.

Music. Flamenco Joven. "Contratiempo", at Café Du Mundo & Copas, El Puerto, 11 p.m.

Blues. "Skoot" at Sala Milwaukee, Avda. de la Bajamar, El Puerto, 11 p.m.

Flamenco concert. El Ministro de Arcos (singer), Antonio Núñez (guitar) at Tertulia Flamenca "Tomás El Nitri", 1 Diego Niño St., El Puerto, 10 p.m.

Concerts Season. Orquesta Sinfonica de Galicia. Villamarta Theater, 9 p.m. Information at 956-329-507.

Paints Exhibition by Milagros Montes. Café Pub Blanco y Negro, 10 Ricardo Alcón St., El Puerto. Through November 18. Hours: 7 p.m. to early in the morning.

Paints Exhibition by Paloma Múñiz Coello. Watercolor and oil paints at Fundación A. Zoilo Ruiz-Mateos, Rota, through 31 October.

"Salvador Dalí. Album de Familia" Photographs exhibition of Dalí and his wife Gala, at Pescaderia Vieja Jerez.

Auto Used Parts...

has a deal on all shelf items, October 29. You receive 50% off and while you're there check all they have to offer. Ask questions. The friendly staff there is ready to help you. Call ext. 1530.

Magic Woods

This hayride is through the golf course on both October 29 & 30 from 8:30 until 11:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Call ext. 2527 for details.

Saturday

Flamenco. Monday - Saturday at "Lagar del Tio Parrilla", Jerez. Plaza del Mercado beside the Archeological Museum.

Bowling for Children

October 30 & 31 from 5-8 p.m. children 16 and under dressed in costumes bowl three free games at Rota Lanes. Call ext. 2112 for info.

Trick or Treat

MWR sets up their annual candy tables at the feria grounds, October 30, where local commands are also setting up Fright Sights. The fun begins at 7 p.m. and continues until 9 p.m. Call Ext. 2527 for information.

Wonderful World of Oz

CDC is providing children, 5 years old and younger, with Wizard of Oz theme fun on October 30 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. There is candy and games for the children. Call ext. 1100 for more information.

Ghosts & Ghouls

This 5K cross-country race on the Golf

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"Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids," Jack said.

"Yeah, I guess," Bob said. He seemed uncertain. Good!

"I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit, just this once." Jack toed a pebble on the pavement. "Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean?" Jack said.

"Yeah, I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct," Bob said. Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to change tactics.

"What did you clock me at?" Jack asked.

"Seventy-one," Bob said. "Would you sit back in your car, please?"

"Now wait a minute here Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging sixty-five." The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.

"Please, Jack, in the car," Bob said. Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard. He was in no rush to open the window.

The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad. Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license? Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again.

A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded piece of paper in his hand. Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough for Bob to

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ROTA COASTLINE

8 Days, cont.

Course is scheduled for October 29 at noon. Please sign up early, by October 20, to receive a free T-shirt. Volunteers in costumes needed. Call ext. 2565 for more information.

Best Costume...

Wins \$100 at the Halloween costume contest at Champions on October 30. Judging begins at 11:30 p.m. There is also a second prize of \$50 and third of \$25. You may even win \$25 in the Best Blood Curdling Scream Contest. For more information call ext. 2433.

Jammin' at JAMS

If you're between 6 and 9 years of age, JAMS is having a Halloween Dance on October 30 from noon until 3 p.m. Call ext. 4564 for info.

Costume Party & Karaoke

That's just what Reflections has to offer on October 30 beginning at 7 p.m. There is also a best costume contest and the fun continues until 2:30 a.m. For details call ext. 2851.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

Sit in on everyone's favorite Halloween movie. Showtime is Saturday, October 30 at midnight, for your viewing pleasure. For information call ext. 2527.

The "Rock"

On October 30, ITT escorts you to Gibraltar where you can experience a taste of Britain. U.S. passport required. There is plenty of time for sightseeing, shopping and lunch. Call extension 3101 for more information.

Halloween Special

Shop fees are 50% off on October 30 at the Auto Hobby Shop. Call ext. 2268 for other specials and information.

Jazz Málaga.

Jazz International Festival in Málaga. November 8-12 at Cervantes Theater. Dedicated to Duke Ellington in his birth centennial. Groups acting: "Renegade Way", "Duke Ellingtons Sophisticated Ladies", "Andalusí Jazz Band", and "Francis Pose"

Sport: Volvo Masters Golf. From Oct 28-31 the town of Jerez is hosting once again the Volvo Masters Golf Tournament. The leading golfers on the European and American circuits are participating on the Hotel Monte Castillo golf course for this trophy.

XX Jerez Popular Race.

The race will start and finish at Sport Complex Chapin in Jerez. Distances are 8 Kms, 4 Kms, 2,5 Kms, 1,5 Kms and 1 Km. Trophies to first 3 in each category. T-shirts for runners who finish the entire race and in the proper time. Information at Comrel, ext. 2813.

V Salón del Automovil. Sevilla 99, at Expositions and Congress Palace, through November 1. Hours: Mon-Fri 4-9 p.m. Sat, Sun and holidays 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Time change

Set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. October 31.

Wednesday

El Colorado

Shop for those special holiday gifts at the many ceramic shops located in this small town on November 2. Call ITT for details at ext. 3101.

Ongoing

Jerez Horse Show

On November 4, ITT takes you to see the famous Andalusian Dancing Horses. They are internationally renowned and their show is quite impressive. You also visit a bodega and do a little wine tasting. The sherry is for sale, so bring pesetas. Call ITT at ext. 3101 for details.

Gypsy Market Mania!!!

Liberty program, for single servicemembers, offers this great opportunity to shop early for the holidays. Trips are scheduled for November 1, 2, 3 & 4 from 9 a.m.-noon and cost \$2 per trip. The markets are in Jerez, Puerto de Santa Maria, Sanlucar and San Fernando. Shop now and have your gifts in the mail before the November 15 deadline. The friendly staff at Expeditions has more information for you

at ext. 2527.

Flag Football Camp

Sign up at JAMS by November 12. Registration fee is \$10 and the camp runs from November 22 thru December 18. T-shirts, games and awards for children ages 7-12. Sign up now or call ext. 2382 for information.

Darts Anyone?

Champions hosts the November 3 tournament on November 3 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 and a minimum of four persons is needed. Call ext. 2433 for more information.

Red Pin Bowling

Every Monday & Tuesday in November at Rota Lanes make a strike when the head pin comes up red and your game is free. Call ext. 2112 for more info.

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pass him the slip.
"Thanks," Jack said. Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice. Bob returned to the car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. He unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this some kind of a joke? Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read:
Dear Jack, once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it, a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters, all three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until heaven before I can even hug her again. A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me and be careful. My son is all I have left. - Bob.
Jack twisted around in time to see Bob pull away. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he, too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived.
Life is precious. Handle with care.

Navy Family Service Center

How domestic abuse affects families

Barry **Francke**

My first encounter with domestic abuse as a professional occurred about 25 years ago when I was a young Deputy Probation Officer for the County of San Diego. I was assigned to a special counseling unit, which was designed to keep young people, who were at risk, from entering the juvenile justice system. My supervisor at the time said he had a real challenge for me. He told me about a 16 year-old who had run away from home three times, was failing in school, and was possibly using marijuana. He said he was sure there was more to this and the family story than I would care to know in the months to come. He was right!

The family consisted of a father, mother, and three daughters, 18, 16, and 15 years old. When I first met them the father was very cordial, the mother was very quiet and the three daughters were surly and

boisterous. The girls did not trust me, especially the 16 year-old. The 18 year-old was quiet, like her mother, but seemed to have a level head and was the peace-maker in the family. The 15 year-old was beginning to act rebellious, like the 16 year-old. I was just trying to keep a lid on things.

After a couple of sessions I discovered why the family was in such turmoil. The father was a tyrant, who ruled with an iron hand. He directed most of his orders toward the mother, but he expected everyone to obey. The mother would try to protect her daughters by doing everything he wanted.

He told his wife how he wanted the house cleaned, what to cook, and what to wear. He told her that she couldn't have friends because she did not have time for them. He controlled all the money and would give it out as he pleased. He was a weekend alcoholic. His colleagues at work

and the neighbors thought he was a great guy.

The 16 year-old began to run away because she didn't want to see her mother treated badly any more. The 16 year-old would bait him to hit her, so he could be removed, or she could be removed from the family. As she tried to draw attention to herself, the father became angry with the mother for not controlling her daughter.

When he did hit his wife he made sure there were no visible bruises. He never hit his daughters but he threatened them repeatedly. The mother had never worked outside the home and didn't think she could make it on her own. The daughters tried to encourage her to leave but she always told them she would be all right.

After four sessions with this chaotic family, the State funding for this project was terminated.

I was transferred to a Youth Service Bureau where the 15 and 16 year-old girls

continued to see me in counseling sessions. Four months later their father died of a massive heart attack in the heat of an argument on a Friday night.

The family called me on Saturday morning. The daughters felt a sense of guilt and relief at the time. Their mother said that although she loved her husband, she mainly felt relief and freedom for the first time in 21 years.

I continued to see the family for two months after the father's death. I heard from the family over the next five years. The father, a Senior Chief, left a life insurance policy and some savings.

The mother finished high school and began college. The oldest girl finished college and the younger two were in college when I last heard from them. **How was he remembered?**

Today we have many programs through your Navy Family Service Center to help families. As the theme for Spouse Abuse Awareness Month says, **"How DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?"** If you are having any problems with power and control in your relationship, please call X3232. **We're here to help make good memories.**

Parents and tots

This group, for parents with children (birth to 4 years), will allow you to share your ideas with other parents and have fun! It is ongoing every Wednesday from 1130-1300 and is held in room 201 at DGF School. Call Navy Family Service Center at 3232 if you have any questions.

Term VII Spanish classes

1 NOV-9 DEC
Beginning: 9-10
Beginning: 11:30-12:30
Advanced: 3:30-4:30

Classes are held every Monday through Thursday. Lots to learn! No fee! Come see! Registration is on going till classes are filled. Call 3232 to get a space in class before it's too late.

Loving and effective discipline

2 November 5:30-7 p.m.

This 2-hour program defines positive discipline, looks at effective discipline methods, and focuses on communication techniques. *Course content formatted from the Active Parenting Today program.*

Sponsor training

4 November 9:30-11 a.m.

NFSC Sponsor Training classes provide helpful information on planning a positive overseas transition. If you've been assigned sponsor duty, don't miss this class. Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

Creative resume

5 November, 9-11 a.m.

A good resume is of key importance in the job search process. Employers usually see your resume before they meet you, so learn to write a resume that stands

out among the rest. This program is designed to help you prepare a resume that will impress your next employer.

Interview skills

10 November, 1-3 p.m.

Does your heart race and do your palms sweat at the thought of an interview? Do you dread this all-important step in the job search process? Learn how to prepare for an interview, what to expect during the interview and how to create the best impression of yourself. Learn how to interview successfully and land the job.

Smooth move

Due to Thanksgiving Holidays, Smooth Move for November will be 18 November at the NAVLEAD building, from 12:30-4:30. Contact your Career Counselor to sign up.

RELIGION

Chapline

with Chaplain McLaughlin

Two Saturdays ago I was finishing my run in front of the gym. The Admirals were playing football and after watching a few plays I walked into the locker room. I passed a couple of High School students and asked them why they weren't cheering for their team.

"We don't really care about them; they're going to lose anyway." I didn't expect that response. It sounded like they weren't interested in their classmates because they were going to be losers. If you step back for a moment and think

about those times when you needed friends most, it wasn't when you were winning.

The time you really need friends is when you are losing or have lost the game. When the going gets tough nothing helps more than a friend who encourages and gives that extra "push."

The Admirals didn't lose. They won! They never gave up and came back to win in the final minutes of the game. What a game! Too bad the students with whom I spoke weren't around to celebrate the victory with our winning Admirals.

"King for a week"

Combined Federal Campaign auctions parking spots

Bid for the privilege of parking in either the C.O.'s or C.M.C.'s parking spots all over Naval Station Rota. Send you sealed bid to the address following this announcement. Include your work and home phone numbers. Listen to Rota's hot 102.5 and watch the Coastline for for weekly updates to learn if you've been out-bid. Bidding ends Monday, November 15th. If you have the top bid, Lt j.g. Smith will personally contact you to "pay up" by making a donation to the CFC charity of your choice. Parking privileges are for the week of November 29 through December 3. Opening bid is \$60...good luck

P.O.C. Lt j.g. Sean Smith
PSC 818 Box 375
FPO AE 09644-1000

The CFC: a *religious* experience!

Supporting the work of your faith group isn't limited to the weekly offering. Every fall we are encouraged to give to the Combined Federal Campaign. For people of faith this can simply be another expression of their faith. Many of the more than 1,000 voluntary agencies in the CFC Contributor's Brochure are religious organizations. When you choose to support them, you're actually doubling your offering.

One word of advice: pay careful attention to administrative costs. Most charities are very responsible with your offering. Administrative costs of 5-10% are very good; 11-20% are normal; more than 20% is high. Think of it this way: lower admin costs mean that more of your gift

actually goes to those who need it most.

There are hundreds of religious organizations in the CFC brochure. Take time to review the brochure and give careful and prayerful consideration to your gift. Here are *just a few* of the religious organizations which are good stewards of your money:

Catholic Relief Services 0309
10.0%
Church World Service 0310
17.9
American Jewish World Service 0305
17.9
Salvation Army World Service 0338
0.9
Christian Service Org of America 2000
2.1

October Worship Schedule

Sat urday 6:00 p.m. RC Mass
Sunday 9:00 a.m. RC Mass Sunday School @ DGF
10:30 a.m. Prot Contemporary Service
10:30 a.m. CCD @ DGF
Noon RC Mass
1:30 p.m. Prot Gospel Service Church of Christ (Chapel Hall)
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prot Communion Service
M-F Noon RC Mass

The Gospel Fellowship Ministry recently bid farewell to YN1 Richard and Mrs. Narkeeta Wesley. He served as Lay Leader for the congregation.

ROTA COASTLINE

AFN ON TV

Time	Thursday Dosh Winley (TV-14)	Friday Dosh Winley (TV-14)	Saturday The Wild Thornberrys (TV-14)	Sunday Family Movie	Monday Dosh Winley (TV-14)	Tuesday Dosh Winley (TV-14)	Wednesday Dosh Winley (TV-14)
9:00	<55> Port Charles (TV-14)	<55> Port Charles (TV-14)	Goosebumps (TV-14)	Ghost Dog (TV-14)	<55> Port Charles (TV-14)	<55> Port Charles (TV-14)	<55> Port Charles (TV-14)
9:30	<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	Yoga		<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)
10:00			Loose Talk (TV-14)				
10:30	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)	Loose Talk (TV-14)	Wild America Special	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<10> General Hospital (TV-14)
11:00			Cellar's Cove	Archie Comics			
12:00	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
12:30	White Of Fortune (TV-14)	White Of Fortune (TV-14)	Harry Potter: The Prisoner Of Azkaban (TV-14)	Air Force TV News	White Of Fortune (TV-14)	White Of Fortune (TV-14)	White Of Fortune (TV-14)
13:00	Today	Today	Beverly Hills, 90210 (TV-14)	NCAA Football (ESPN)	Today	Today	Today
13:30			Biggest Cuts	Alabama at Auburn			
14:00			National Parks (TV-14)				
14:30	Arimatics	Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	A Film About America 2000 Fil		Disney's Jungle Cubs	Space Ghost (TV-14)	The Secret Files of the Spies (TV-14)
15:00	Pokémon (TV-14)	Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures			Popular Mechanics for Kids		Mer in Black (TV-14)
15:30	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (TV-14)	Xena: Warrior Princess	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	Xena: Warrior Princess (TV-14)	Cousin Speedy (TV-14)	Mac's News	
16:00	The New Scooby-Doo	The New Scooby-Doo		The New Scooby-Doo			
16:30	Jeopardy! (TV-14)	Jeopardy! (TV-14)	Entertainment	Jeopardy! (TV-14)	Jeopardy! (TV-14)	Jeopardy! (TV-14)	Jeopardy! (TV-14)
17:00	AFN News 92	AFN News 10	AFN News 10	AFN News 10	AFN News 10	AFN News 10	AFN News 10
17:30	Sports/Weather/Rates	Sports/Weather/Rates	Sports/Weather/Rates	Sports/Weather/Rates	Sports/Weather/Rates	Sports/Weather/Rates	Sports/Weather/Rates
18:00	Jharma & Greg (TV-14)	King Of the Hill (TV-14)	King Of the Hill (TV-14)	King Of the Hill (TV-14)	King Of the Hill (TV-14)	King Of the Hill (TV-14)	King Of the Hill (TV-14)
18:30	Jesse (TV-14)	The Fugitive (TV-14)	The Fugitive (TV-14)	The Fugitive (TV-14)	The Fugitive (TV-14)	The Fugitive (TV-14)	The Fugitive (TV-14)
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MOVIES

Motion Picture Association of America movie ratings:
G – General Audiences, All ages admitted;
PG – Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children;
PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13;
R – Restricted, Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

MWR’s Movie Information Line extension is 2624. Remember all movies are free.

Drive In schedule:
Friday – Random Hearts (R)
Saturday – Inspector Gadget (PG)
Sunday – Teaching Mrs. Tingle (PG-13)
Drive-in movies begin around 8:30 p.m.

At the Gateway Auditorium:

Today
6 p.m. Teaching Mrs. Tingle (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. The Astronaut’s Wife

(R)
Friday
7 p.m. Inspector Gadget (PG)
9:30 p.m. The Astronaut’s Wife (R)

Saturday
3 p.m. Iron Giant (PG)
7 p.m. The Muse (PG-13)
9:30 p.m. Chill Factor (R)

Sunday
3 p.m. Iron Giant (PG)
6 p.m. The Muse (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. Random Hearts (R)

Monday
6 p.m. Iron Giant (PG)
8:30 p.m. Chill Factor (R)

Tuesday
6 p.m. The Muse (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. Random Hearts (R)

Wednesday
6 p.m. The Muse (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. Chill Factor (R)

The Astronauts Wife (R)
Thriller; Johnny Depp, Charlize Theron (110 mins)

A spine-chilling thriller about a woman whose marriage to an astronaut mysteriously disintegrates after a freak accident in space. Astronaut Spencer Armacost is rushed back to Earth and revived after a routine mission goes awry, only to discover that something truly horrific took place while he was up in space.

Inspector Gadget (PG)
Comedy; Matthew Broderick
In this live-action, big-screen adaptation of a popular television cartoon, Broderick stars as a gadget-wielding, bumbling detective.

Teaching Mrs. Tingle (PG-13)
Comedy; Helen Mirren, Marisa Coughlan, Barry Watson
Leanne Watson’s only ticket out of town is the scholarship that goes to her school’s top student. All she needs is an “A” in history. Now, with help of her friends, she must outsmart the teacher with the very rules she created.

The Iron Giant (PG)
Animation; Vocals of Jennifer Aniston, Harry Connick, Jr., Cloris Leachman
A giant metal machine falls to

Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine, until it befriends a nine-year-old boy named Hogarth.

Random Hearts (R)
Romantic Thriller; Harrison Ford, Kristen Scott Thomas, Charles S. Dutton
A tough-minded internal affairs cop (Ford) and a high profile congresswoman (Scott Thomas) are thrown together despite their differences. They develop a relationship that helps them confront the truth that threatens to destroy them and discover the strength to overcome the deception that surrounds them.

The Muse (PG-13)
Comedy; Albert Brooks, Sharon Stone, Andie MacDowell, Jeff Bridges
Brooks stars as a Hollywood screenwriter who is fired over lunch. Left with nothing but writer’s block, he seeks the services of a real-life Muse to get his career back on track. The film pokes fun at Hollywood and includes cameos by such Hollywood luminaries as James Cameron, Rob Reiner, and Martin Scorsese.

Chill Factor (R)
Action; Cuba Gooding, Jr., Skeet Ulrich, Peter Firth
Two men accidentally come into possession of a volatile and highly explosive substance that will wreak havoc if allowed to become warmer than 50 degrees. Pursued by several groups with desperate but conflicting interests, the duo race through rough terrain to transport their lethal vials to a safe place without detonating them.

Birth announcements

W. Brent Bailey, son of Rie and Tamika Isa-Marie Bailey was born September 15 and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Collin Arron Sample, son of Alfonso and Sonya Sample, was born October 12 and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Michael Lopez, son of Michael and Maria Lopez, was born October 12 and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Candace Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Roosevelt and Senta Taylor, was born October 13, and weighed 7 pounds, 30 ounces

Sean Patrick Butler, son of Francis and Patricia Butler, was born October 15, and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

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Miscellaneous

Opportunity - Lladró for sale : Figure "The Flower Stall" Girl in front of wagon with flowers - 200.000 ptas. 23cm x 25cm (retail value 248.800 ptas.). Call 956-332287 between 9 a.m. and noon. English spoken.

Business Opportunity : Bar "Einstein" in a great location, (La Costilla, Rota), is well established with clientele. For health reasons current management must leave the business. If you are interested in taking over the business, call Ana at 956-841471.

Intensive Spanish Courses: All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-871926.

Beanie Land: Beanie babies, buddies, attic treasure bears, Britannia, New & retired ones. Tel. Ext. 3938 or 600-813354.

30 MINUTES OF FREE CALLS with Rapid Link. Sign-up by e-mail. No hidden charges, monthly fees. Normal Spain to USA rate, 27 cents. Info from pp10013@cybernet.it.

Volunteer needed at RAWL to feed, bathe, clean cages, and walk dogs. Call 4000 for more info.

For Sale: 1999 Seiko scuba master dive watch. Never been worn. Retail for \$795 want \$500 firm. All paper work and warranties included. Call Michael at 2770 or 956-48-0718

For Sale: Never been used golf bag-\$60. Wilson 1200 GE irons-1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, pw and putter. New grips. Great starter set \$175. Ram FX pro line iron set \$200. Call Greg at 626-395-525 after 6 p.m.

For Sale: Three 220 volt fans. \$8 each OBO. Call Dennis at 3134 or 056-38-4001.

Household

For sale: **Barbie Dream House - with Bedroom set/livingroom set and other accessories, also comes with "NIBBLES" Barbie's horse - Programmable barbie with cd rom. LIKE NEW \$110 and instruction book. LIKE NEW (paid \$100) sell for \$60**

"All season protector" Car Cover (with storage bag) BRAND NEW in box, will fit up to a Mustang LX size car - \$40 Smoke headlight covers for a FORD MUSTANG (LX OR GT) BRAND NEW still in the packing \$50 little girls toys and clothes (4-5 yr old)-prices vary. Call Luke or Jay Smart at 4360.

For sale: 220v 3 speed upright fan \$30. 20in multi-system color TV \$125 Satellite Receiver (for use with cable card)\$60

Call 3488 (Daytime) or 956-81-2426 (Evenings)

For sale: Sleeper sofa - \$200 obo cell phone w/charger battery \$60 call 1447 or 5618

For Sale: Graco stroller 313NF series. New. Never used. Navy blue. \$70 Call 4670

For Sale: Transformers of various sizes. A penny a watt. Call Tammie at 1716

For Sale: Butano heaters with hose and regulator. \$75 each. Washing machine \$200 OBO. Call Tom at 965-82-2306 or 956-82-4206

For sale: Large upright Whirlpool freezer 110 \$250., Heavy Duty Whirlpool dryer 220 \$250., Table 36" x 48" w/12" leaf and four chairs \$150., Honda Harmony 215 mulching power mower \$300., Old JVC multi-system color TV \$50., Fisher 504 tuner/pre-amp stereo/quad \$100., Asahi Pentax 35mm 28-200 lens w/flash \$150., 80-160 lens \$50., Lady Spaulding golf clubs 1-3-5 woods, 3 - wedge + putter and bag \$80., rusty 5,000w transformer \$10., 4 fans \$10. each. Please contact Bob at (956) 81-0625 or leave message.

For sale: Motorola cell phone. \$50, with two batteries. Works great. Call Tammie at 1716 or 48-2206.

For sale: Three piece sectional couch with end recliners. Sky blue color. \$125 Call anytime. 956-81-

4389.

For sale: Solid oak bedroom set. Two night stands, mirror, bed, chest of drawers, footboard, headboard. \$500. Call anytime-956-81-4389

Autos

For Sale: 82 Corvette Crossfire, fully loaded, t-tops, A/C, PW, PL, automatic, blue. Ready to go now. \$10,000 obo. Call for Jason 956 81 2266. Or email at jbyrd92@hotmail.com

For Sale: '91 BMW 325i 24V 192HP (E36 body style), powered, AC, pwr sunroof, ABS, etc., \$9,700 Call 954152652 (leave

For sale: 1997 Ford Ka 45,000 kilometers, Euro Specs, 5-speed Power: steering, locks, windows AC, Radio/Cassette w' detachable face ITV good until July 2001 \$6,000 Call 4759

For sale: '97 Aprilia motorcycle. Paid 430.000 pts. Selling for 195.000 pts. Free helmet and orange vest included. Call Maria at 956-84-0320

For Sale: Honda vision moped. \$300. Cute transportation. Call Tammie at 1716

For Sale: 1990 Fiat Uno. ITV until November 2000. New engine and brakes. Runs great. Asking \$1500 OBO. Call Tom at 956-82-2306 or 956-82-4206

For Sale: 1989 Ford Fiesta. ITV until May 2000. Runs great. \$2000 OBO. Call Ken or Colleen at 4547.

For Sale: 1989 Volkswagen van. Includes towing package and permit. Spanish taxes paid. \$3300 Call 956-81-6459

For Sale: 1983 BMW R100RS motorcycle. Runs great. 75,000 km. ITV good until 2001. call Jamie at 4669

For sale : 1990 Mercedes 190E, PS, PB, PW, 5 speed, current ITV, transfer paid by seller. \$6,500. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale : 1988 Mercedes 280SE, Auto trans. current ITV, cent lock, leather, PW, PS, PB, TRF paid by

seller. \$5,300. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale : 1990 Renault 21 TXE, AC, PS, PB, Alloy Rims, cent lock, current ITV, TRF paid by seller \$4,400. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale : 1990 AUDI 100 2.2 AC, PW, PS, PB, current ITV, TRF paid by seller. \$4,100. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale : 1987 AUDI 100 2.2, PS, PB, PW, current ITV, TRF paid by seller. \$2,800. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale 1995 Seat Marbella, current ITV, TRF paid by seller, \$2,800. Contact Bob Blake 956-

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For sale : '90 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4.0, fully loaded, leather, stereo, A/C, Spanish taxes paid, I.T.V. good until July '00. \$6,500 O.B.O. Ask for Jimmy 956-480546 or 629-228593.

Pets

Cat for adoption: Very affectionate 1 yr. old purebred male Siamese. Neutered with all shots. We must sadly part with pet due to housekeeper's allergies. Dave at 2783 or 956 48 2257.

Free cat to good homes: male tabby cat. fixed with all shots and microchip female siamese mix need homes soon!! call 4768

Adopt a Pet at Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL). Various dogs and cats to choose from. Call 4000 or stop by (across from the drive-in).

For sale, Miniature Schnauzer puppies with pedigree, salt and pepper, shots, Born August 2. Call 956-371885 or 610-050516

For sale, Labrador puppies : two months old, shots. Call 956-371885 or 610-050516.

**Houses/
Apartments**

Country house, 5 minutes from Rota gate for rent: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large garage (2 cars), phone, pool. Call Paul at 956-810242.

FOR RENT APARTMENTS, Do You Have a couple of days off? Come to Torremolinos. View Web page for full details. Private parking and 24 hour security. 10 minutes walk to town center and beach. Ray 95-2051523—
longton@mercuryinc.es
http://estrellas.malaga-it.com

House for rent : 2 bedrooms, livingroom, 1 bath, kitchen, garage and pool. 3,000 meters of garden. 5 minutes from base. 75.000 pts./mo. Ask at the reception desk in Hotel Playa de la Luz or call 956-810500.

Top quality, newly built house for rent. Safe, quiet neighborhood, 10 min. from base in Puerto, near Vistahermosa, behind Cuatro Pinos, 3 bedrooms w/closets, 2 full baths, large living/dining room w/fireplace. Marble floors. Furnished kitchen, pantry, marble counters, storage, porch, patio, large yard. Gate intercom. Driveway parking. 95.000 ptas./mo. or 100.000 ptas./mo. with gardener. Commission free, English spoken. Call Eloy at 956.540044 or 689-190243.

For Rent: Great location, across street from the beach. New apartment completely furnished. 4 bed-

rooms, 2 baths, big livingroom, kitchen and balconies to the Avenue. Asking 75.000 ptas. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846-221

Lovely beachfront apartment for rent : front row, near Fuentebravía gate, unfurnished. Living-dining room, large terrace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, complete kitchen, wash machine, phone, TV, satellite, lift, underground garage, solar heat, good security. 125.000 pesetas/mo. Includes community fees. Call Brigitte at 956.851396 or Coco at 956-480973.

Need a house? We'll find what you want. No fees, no language barrier. Your satisfaction is our best publicity. 956-562313 or 610-753503. Call us anytime.

For Rent. Country house with 2 double bedrooms, kitchen, livingroom and 1 bath. Very big and nice yard. Completely furnished. On Chipiona Road only 6 minutes from Rota Gate. Owner asking for 100.000 ptas. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846-221

Need a fully furnished/equipped two bedroom apartment on a monthly basis ? In Puerto area : El Manantial beachfront with beautiful views/Vistahermosa/El Ancla only 75.000/70.000 ptas/mo. Community fees included. Commission free. Call Eloy. English spoken.

Always helpful and attention guaranteed. 956-540044/689-190243 (cell).

For Rent: Good size, ground level apartment in a very nice area of Rota, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, livingroom and terrace. Furnished or unfurnished. Asking 75.000 ptas. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846-221. We Rent Homes. No Rental Fee.

Beautiful beachfront apartment for rent : near Fuentebravía gate, unfurnished, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living-dining room, complete kitchen, balcony, solar heat, TV satellite, phone, underground garage, lift, good security. 100.000 pesetas/mo. Includes community fees. Call Brigitte at 956.851396 or Coco at 956.480973.

For Rent: Single family home with two apartments completely furnished. Bottom apartment has 3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, livingroom and patio. Top apartment has: 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, livingroom and balconies facing the Avenue. Very close to the beach. Asking 75.000/80.000. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846.221. We Rent Homes. No Rental Fee.

For Rent: Apartment of 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and a half, livingroom, semi-furnished and closed garage. In the center of the

town. Asking 70.000 ptas. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846-221. We Rent Homes. No Rental Fee.

New attached house in Costa Ballena (new development between Rota & Chipiona) for sale.

The house is located on the first line of the beach and surrounded by the golf course. Good orientation. 90 sq. meters on one floor, top quality materials, more than 40 sq. meters of yard, porch, fireplace and barbecue. Pre-installation for central air and city gas, fiber optics, underground garage and community pools. Call 956-306093 after 3 p.m. or leave message at 956-542997 (English).

A Prayerful Remembrance: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, remembering the promise of the Resurrection, I humbly and sincerely offer this prayer for (name) and all the departed. With joy, I thank You for what we shared in this earthly life. With hope, I pray this offering will help them on their journey to the fullness of life and happiness with You in heaven. Purify them from all that is not holy so they may dwell in the mystery of Your perfect love forever. With blessed anticipation, I look forward to the coming age, when with Your grace, I shall be united with them again in paradise. Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory be....May the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen
Jess Lopez

SPORTS

Rota to host international swim meet Sunday

JOC Jon **McMillan**

More than 100 kids – including around 60 from Rota's Tiburones Swim Club – will compete Sunday in a European divisional swim meet at the base pool. The meet will start at noon and is expected to run about five hours.

The event – open to the public – will pit Rota's swimmers, all six to 19 year-olds – against a team from Brussels. The meet will help the Tiburones prepare for the European Forces Swim Meet – a competition between swimmers from 18 countries in Europe – set to be held in early spring.

"Our primary goal is to get the kids interested and challenged to meet the qualification standards and times to compete in that meet," said Bob Allen, one of the Tiburones' coaches.

Rota's program has undergone changes in the eight years of its on and off again existence. Today's program is a much more serious and disciplined one. "It's the difference between summer swimming [for recreation] and competitive year-round swimming," said Allen.

The 65 members of the Rota team practice five days a week for at least 1.5 hours each day. Three times a week they're in the water for swim practice and two

times a week they're doing track work, rope skipping, medicine ball training and other upper body and endurance training.

"We're building a young junior athlete," said Allen of the Rota program. "I guess it's the difference between a recreation sport – to go out and have fun – and a dedicated athletic sport," he said. "This is still fun, but it's also hard work."

The hard work doesn't just fall on the shoulders of its swimmers though. A strong network of parents and volunteers support the Tiburones said Allen. "Year-round swimming is the most parent-intensive of all children's athletics," he said. "We have a tremendous group of parents and a board of directors who've come together to provide the ultimate swimming experience for the kids."

That 'ultimate swimming experience' includes becoming actively involved with the Spanish Swim Federation – and competing against Spanish swim clubs monthly – and joining the CNE [Commander, Naval Forces Europe] Swim League. "We've become members instead of invited guests," said Allen.

The club – organized and ran in this fashion – has only existed for two years now. "And for a second year program, we have a very good program," said Allen. Swimmers range in skill from beginner swimmers to European-class medallists in their age groups said Allen.

"But we don't stress winning," he said.

"My philosophy is if you better your personal best, then you're a winner," said the coach. "This is a great sport where you can compete against yourself – and that's the thrust for our kids."

The Tiburones recently took 29 kids to Germany where 65% of the team swam personal bests. It's that kind of accomplishments said Allen that gets the kids excited for major swim meets. "The adrenaline should be pumping [for Sunday's meet]," he said.

The meet on Sunday is a big meet for the team. "We're setting up bleachers and we encourage the community to come out," said Allen. "This is just like the High School football team [playing a big game] – it's a big thing for the kids."

The next meet for the Tiburones is Nov. 27 in Brussels. The team and their parents are raising money now to help offset the cost of travel. "We'd like to raise \$25 thousand throughout the year," said Allen, "to help offset as much as possible the cost of the European meet."

The Tiburones will be raising money at the OSCS Bazaar scheduled for Nov. 6 and 7. Information on the Tiburones can be found at <http://sites.netscape.net/rotaswim>

Santa needed

The NEX is looking for Santa to take pictures in Toyland. Santa needs to be available every weekend from Nov. 27- Dec. 19. Great money for the Holidays! If interested, call 2557.

SPORTS

Rota declares club champion

Jim **Nogle**

The Rota Golf Association (RGA) celebrated the season finale by hosting the Annual Club Championship October 16 & 17 at Rota's Capt. Jake Dennis Memorial Golf Course.

The golf course declared a new Club Champion, Pancho Basco, by posting a 156 for the two day event.

The RGA saw a positive turn out of 60 golfers all vying for the title of Club Champion. Head Golf Professional, Rick Thompson, did an outstanding job of having the course ready for the year's final event.

All golfers were extremely pleased with the courses green fairways, demanding pin placements and lightning quick greens. The weekend concluded with a catered banquet and a raffle drawing worth over \$3,000 in prizes, in addition to \$2,000 in gift certificates for the top finishers in each flight.

The RGA would like to thank all of those who have supported it throughout the year and look forward to hosting more challenging events next year.

sports talk

with Russ Gambrel

2 a.m. Monday morning. I'm sitting on my couch thinking about what topics are worthy for this week's edition of *Sports Talk*. I knew I'd have to comment on the continuing circus that is Mike Tyson (what exactly was that last Saturday night?) and throw out a few bold predictions for week eight in the NFL.

Then, from my TV, came the announcement that Mastercard was proud to present Baseball's All-Century team. The column would have to wait.

I watched as the greatest living legends of summer were introduced by radio legend Vin Scully. That roll call would have made a robot cry. Musial, Mays, Williams, Koufax, Gibson, etc., etc., etc. All of them standing there *humbly* as a stadium and a nation smiled back and gave thanks. Pure magic. Then came the introduction of Pete Rose and an impromptu standing ovation which lasted 15 seconds longer than anyone else's did. Pure heaven. Anyone not crying at this point must have walked out of "E.T." mumbling "what's the big deal? It's just a rubber puppet!"

All of America was still basking in the afterglow as the players moved off stage and NBC's Jim Gray- armed with a wet blanket- moved in to interview the man of the moment. His first question to Rose was,

at best, inappropriate. His next five were nothing short of an ambush.

Instead of asking Rose what the moment meant to him or how it felt to be on a baseball field again, Gray peppered the man with insulting innuendoes.

He stopped just short of demanding an apology for Rose's alleged gambling. If talk radio is any barometer, the whole of baseball fandom sat stunned. Had Pete took a swing, it surely would've been followed by more applause. But Rose kept his cool and took the humiliation. In doing so, he again won over the nation.

If there is any justice, Gray will lose his job. He's a jerk and his motives were self-serving. He wanted to be *theguy* who got Rose to admit he bet on baseball.

This complete imbecile of a reporter had successfully ruined one of Baseball's greater moments. Jim Gray had decided to embarrass a man whose legacy would dwarf that of his own by any measure. Pete Rose is a man who accumulated more hits than any player in the history of baseball. Jim



Gray looks at a camera and talks into a microphone. I could go on but I'll spare you.

All of this got me thinking. Exactly how much damage did Pete Rose actually do to baseball? Even if the allegations are completely true, how much damage was done? I would contend that the Pete Rose gambling scandal had almost zero effect on anyone but the media. Have you ever heard a single person say that he or she gave up watching the national pastime because Pete Rose had a gambling problem? Of course you haven't. But I personally know at least 15 (and read about THOUSANDS) who gave up on the game when Bud Selig canceled the World Series. Which one caused more harm?

Selig won't let Pete Rose into the Hall of Fame because he claims Rose "damaged" the game. Give me a break. When Selig stepped to the microphone in '94 to announce there would be no Series that year, members of the 1918 White Sox smiled from the grave. Now, at least, they were no longer the most hated men in baseball history. Selig was the new king of the goats. For this reason, he will never open the Hall to the man known as "Charlie Hustle".

Though he is the commissioner of baseball, Bud Selig is loved by no one.

Meanwhile, Rose has been banished from the game and is adored by everyone. It all comes down to petty jealousy. No one enjoyed Rose's minute of humiliation more than the commish. Half an hour after the interview, somewhere in the bowels of Turner Field, Selig must have walked up to Gray and handed him a twenty. See ya next week.

